

The Parish of St Paul, Wokingham

A Service for the Feast of All Souls



Please do enjoy the chance to experience the candles burning in the Churchyard before you come into Church for the service.



Introit (sung by the Choir): “God be in my head” by John Rutter

I am the resurrection, and I am the life, says the Lord;
those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live,
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Processional Hymn

(during which the altar is censed, the incense
rising to heaven like our prayers. The hymn numbers
are displayed on the boards on the pillars.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The light and peace of Christ be with you:
and also with you.

1. Remembering

Draw near to us this night, O God,
as we come with our grief,
with our memories, with our tears.
Draw near to us this night, O God,
as we come in from the churchyard,
as we come into the sacred space of our homes,
as we gather together, wherever we are.
Draw near to us this night, O God.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Collect

We have come together in our Father's presence
to remember our loved ones
who have passed through the valley of the shadow of death;
to renew our faith and trust in God;
to pray for those who mourn;
and to seek God's grace,
that we may know his love, and the hope he gives us,
through faith in Jesus Christ.
Let us remember God's presence with us now.

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection,
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

We turn to face the Gospel in our midst,
representing Christ's presence among us.

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to x.
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

An Act of Remembering

This is the will of him that sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
and I will raise them up on the last day.

Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises, may all who have died
in the peace of Christ share with your saints
in the joy of heaven where there is neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting. **Amen.**

We remember by name those we love who have died.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Russian Contakion of the Dead

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with the saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

**You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,
and unto earth we shall return.**

For so you ordained when you created each of us, saying:
'Dust you are and to dust you shall return'.

**All of us go down to the dust, yet weeping over the grave we
make our Easter song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with the saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Candles are lit in memory of those we have named,
and others. While this happens, the Choir sing an anthem,
using the words we have just prayed.

**Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember those we have placed into your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray,
sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
in the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.**

2. One Church, one faith, one Lord

The Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you:

and also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace,
while being aware of Covid, remembering
that we are all one in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offertory Hymn

The Preparation of the Gifts

To you we come, Father of lights,

with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all

the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness,

let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Lord God, we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your

salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choir sing Kyrie Eleison- Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts: **we lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
it is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

... all honour and glory are yours,

O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven;

if anyone eats of this bread they will live for ever.

Lord, give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Everyone is warmly invited to receive communion
at the chancel step (in the form of the bread only):
if you'd prefer to have a prayer of blessing
then please bring this sheet with you.

Hymn

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then you shall better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's pure joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer after Communion

**Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that as we believe your power to have raised
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life
to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**
Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you: and may the blessing...

The Dismissal

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Go in his peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

When you're ready, either during or after the organ voluntary, please leave the church quietly.

Please do join us in the Parish Rooms for a warm drink and a chance to chat.

Services are Livestreamed from St Paul's at 9.30 every Sunday morning, and also available afterwards, via our Facebook page or on Youtube at

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